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SUBJ: FY 1978 FMS FINANCING -- HAITI

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1. GOVERNMENT OF HAITI DOES INTEND TO REQUEST FY 78 FMS FINANCING. BECAUSE OF NEWNESS OF PROGRAM AND FACT THAT GOH HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO DRAWN DOWN FY 77 FINANCING IT HAS HAD DIFFICULTY FORMULATING PRECISE REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 78.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S SECOND FORMAL REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS REGARDING USE OF FY 78 FMS FINANCING WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM HAITIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DATED MAY 23 (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

3. BEGIN NOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI ACCEPTS THE NEW \$500,000.00 CREDIT APPROVED FOR FY 1978. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT DRAWS THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING: THE \$500,000 CREDIT (FOR FY 1977) HAVING BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE PURCHASE FROM THE US GOVERNMENT OF AN ATA (OCEAN

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TUG AUXILIARY) TYPE VESSEL WILL NECESSARILY ENTAIL EXPENSES ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN \$600,000. AS INDICATED BELOW:

ONE ATA TYPE VESSEL \$185,000.
RECONDITIONING AND MODIFICATION 400,000.
TOTAL \$585,000.

THE NEW CREDIT ALLOTTED FOR FY 78 WILL SERVE TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE OF ABOUT \$85,000. THE BALANCE WILL BE USED TO ACQUIRE SPARE PARTS, FOR TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND FOR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING THE PRIORITIES ARE:

- A) RECONDITIONING AND MODIFICATION OF THE VESSEL
- B) PURCHASE OF SPARE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE ATA
- C) TRAINING OF PERSONNEL
- D) NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A DETAILED LIST OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ITEMS WILL BE SUPPLIED LATER SINCE IT IS PREFERABLE, AT THE MOMENT, NOT TO DETERMINE EXACTLY THE TYPES AND NUMBERS OF SPARE PARTS NECESSARY FOR SERVICING THE VESSEL. END NOTE.

4. EMBASSY HOPES FOREGOING MEETS DEPARTMENT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN ARRANGING FOR PURCHASE OF ATA VESSEL WITH FY 77 FMS FINANCING REQUESTED BY HAITIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON'S NOTE OF APRIL 3, 1978 TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
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